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SUBJECT: NEW CFF

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1. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED  
COOPERATIVE FINANCING FACILITY FOR DEUTSCHE UNIONBANK.

2. DEUTSCHE UNIONBANK GMBH WAS ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN  
IN 1889 AND SINCE 1950 HAS BEEN HEADQUARTERED IN FRANK-  
FURT WITH BRANCHES IN DUESSELDORF, HAMBURG AND MUNICH.  
ACCORDING TO REFERENCE MATERIAL ON GERMAN BANKING  
INSTITUTIONS, DEUTSCHE UNIONBANK HAS HAD STRONG BUSINESS  
RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN AND OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES  
SINCE THE 1920'S WHEN SWEDISH FINANCIAL INTERESTS  
ACQUIRED A MAJOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BANK. IN THE  
POST-WAR II PERIOD THIS PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN  
GRADUALLY SOLD. AS OF THE END OF 1974, BANKER TRUST  
OWNS 75 PERCENT OF THE BANK AND THE HESSISCHE LANDESBANK  
GIROZENTRALE 25 PERCENT.

3. BUSINESS ACTIVITY IS CONCENTRATED IN FOREIGN  
COMMERCE, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND CREDIT BUSINESS. CREDIT  
BUSINESS IS REPORTEDLY DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: 50  
PERCENT WITH GERMAN INDUSTRY, 30 PERCENT WITH SWEDISH  
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INDUSTRY AND 20 PERCENT WITH GERMAN BRANCHES OF U.S.

FIRMS.

4. AT THE END OF 1974 CAPITAL STOCK OF THE BANK  
AMOUNTED TO DM 19 MILLION; BUSINESS VOLUME FOR 1974 WAS  
REPORTED AT DM 972 MILLION (1973 DM 825 MILLION) AND  
1974 PROFITS AT DM 1 MILLION.  
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